

CITY OF GRINNELL

VOLUME BASED RATE PROGRAM

Volume-based charging means that the customer is charged, at least in part, according to the amount of solid waste that the customer contributes to the landfill. "Solid waste" is the material you place at the curb, which ends up in the landfill. "Recyclables" are the material you place at the curb, which are then sold by the city to companies, which re-use the material, keeping it out of the landfill. The Iowa legislature is seeking to decrease solid waste and increase recyclables, and the very easiest way to achieve this goal is to "Buy Wise!" This means that, when you purchase items, check whether the container is recyclable or not. Then, when it comes to trash time, you have already changed the balance of material from solid waste to recycling in your own home.

Here is a more specific statement of how this program works:

1. The monthly charge on your water, sewer, and garbage bill for collection of waste and recyclables is \$8.00 per month.
2. Persons wishing to dispose of solid waste will need to purchase specially marked plastic trash bags at a cost of \$1.00 per bag. Bags will be sold in packages of 5 or 10. **(Contents of the bag shall not exceed 40 pounds unless used inside of a trash receptacle.)**
3. There will also be special stickers available for \$1.00 and \$15.00.
4. The one dollar stickers may be used rather than the yellow bags. You may place your trash in a container (32 gallon) and as long as the weight of the contents of that container does not exceed 60 pounds, you may simply place a sticker on the top item in the can. **(Do not place the sticker on the can, or the lid, it must be on the top item in the can, so it can easily be disposed of with the trash).**
5. The \$15.00 sticker is required for the disposal of all appliances. **(refrigerators, freezers, kitchen ranges, air conditioning units, dehumidifiers, water heaters, commercial coolers, furnaces, thermostats, clothes washers/dryers, dishwashers, microwave ovens).** The \$15.00 sticker is also required for large items that weigh in excess of 60 pounds. Use of the \$15.00 sticker also requires scheduling a special pick-up with the Public Service Department at 236-2632.

Persons with questions about this program should call 236-2632 for more information.

BAGS & DOLLAR STICKERS ARE AVAILABLE AT THE FOLLOWING LOCATIONS:

Hy-Vee Fareway McNally's Wal-Mart Paul's Ace Hardware

**One and Fifteen dollar stickers are available at the City Offices on
the First Floor of the Community Center, 927 Fourth Avenue.**

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